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1. FOLLOWING TEXT OF STATEMENT ON BBC AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE. THE TRAGEDY THAT HAS BEEN IRRESPONSIBLY
PROVOKED IN CYPRUS AND THE DANGERS THAT HAVE ACCUMMULATED
AS A RESULT RALLY THE NATION IN ITS ENTIRETY. IT IS A
NATIONAL IMPERATIVE THAT RESTRAINT AND REASON SHOULD
PREVAIL. IN THIS SPIRIT AND AS THE ONE WHO EMBODIES
THE UNITY OF HELLENISM I ADDRESS MYSELF TO ALL GREEKS,
INSIDE GREECE AND OUTSIDE.

3. IT IS A NATIONAL IMPERATIVE THAT THE LEGALITY SHOULD

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BE RESTORED WHICH HAS BEEN OVERTHROWN WITH THE COUP D'

ETAT AGAINST HER ELECTED PRESIDENT. IT IS A NATIONAL IMPERATIVE THAT A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FORMED IN GREECE WHICH WILL INSPIRE CONFIDENCE AND HAVE THE INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE TO FACE THE DRAMATIC CIRCUMSTANCES INTO WHICH THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN LED BY ITS OWN DIVERSION FROM LEGALITY AND BY THE ENSUING TRAGIC ERRORS.

4. I ADDRESS MYSELF IN PARTICULAR TO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE COUNTRY, WHICH I PERSIST IN REGARDING AS A SELECT, INSEPARABLE, AND RESPONSIBLE PART OF THE PEOPLE. THE SALVATION OF THE COUNTRY AT THIS MOMENT DEPENDS ON THEIR INITIATIVE - IN THE BROADEST AND MOST VITAL SENSE OF HELLENISM. LET THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE COUNTRY BE ASSURED THAT THE PEOPLE WILL BE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH THEM NOT ONLY IN THE COMMON CONFRONTATION OF TODAY'S DANGERS BUT ALSO IN THE CONSTRUCTION, AFTER SO MANY SUFFERINGS, OF A BETTER, HAPPIER, AND DEMOCRATIC GREECE. END QUOTE

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